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Excise Officers Arrest Man, Cite Two Gas Stations in Synthetic Marijuana Case

GARY, Ind. (June 18) – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested one man and cited two Gary gas stations this afternoon while investigating a citizen tip on the sale of synthetic marijuana.

Citgo (also known as Yash Food and Fuel and TJ & Jetta Petroleum, Inc.), 2100 Virginia Street, Gary, was preliminarily cited for possession of a look-alike substance and prohibited smoking. Officers seized an undisclosed number of packages of alleged synthetic marijuana products and an undisclosed amount of cash.

Citgo (also known as TJ & Jetta Petroleum, Inc.), 2395 Broadway Avenue, Gary, was preliminarily cited for possession of a look-alike substance and prohibited smoking. Officers seized an undisclosed number of packages of alleged synthetic marijuana products and an undisclosed amount of cash.

Store clerk Sarbsit Singh, 20, who worked at the Broadway store, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for armed robbery in New York State, along with three additional preliminary charges of false informing, misuse of a driver's license and dealing in a look-alike substance.

Officers are continuing their investigation into both locations, with additional charges possible.

"State Excise Police officers will to continue their work of investigating and arresting those persons who have the desire to sell these dangerous synthetic drugs," Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. "Moreover, this investigation demonstrates how officers discover other crimes and fugitives from justice through the conduct of their administrative duties."

Anyone with information about the sale of synthetic marijuana or bath salts can contact the Excise Police district office anonymously at 574-264-9480.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal and administrative-law defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.